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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, D/GP *WIS*
SUBJECT: Comments - Photo-Coverage of Geodetic Control

REFERENCE: a. Memorandum for Chief, HTAUTOMAT, Attention: [REDACTED] Subject: Geodetic Control Points as Requirements, ~~from~~ Chairman, Ad Hoc Requirements Committee, dated 19 March 1958. *TCS-2899-58*
b. USAF Memorandum AFCIN-1A2, Subject: Geodetic Positioning Accuracy, dated 13 June 1958. *DPS-1317*

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1. As a result of reference a., HTAUTOMAT has the following background information which may be of interest in taking action on reference b.:

a. The seventeen WACs received by HTA (reference a., paragraph 1) represent about 14 percent of the WAC sheet coverage of the USSR proper. On the seventeen WACs there were approximately 566 control points of which 103 may possibly be covered by existing photo coverage. This was determined by utilizing photographic indexes at a scale of 1:1,000,000. Therefore, the reliability for accurate pin-point coverage of the geodetic stations is limited by this consideration.

b. The photo identification and the determination of points actually covered by existing photography, has not been established or accomplished. This operation would involve detailed photo-identification of each geodetic point and its reference points. It is not known how many of the geodetic points covered by photography can actually be positively photo-identified.

c. HTA has no record of the reliability and accuracy of the description of the geodetic control points having been determined - along with the validity of the control points."

2. A copy of the coverage list prepared by HTA, covering only the 17 WACs, was sent to Mr. Reber on 24 March 1958.

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3. On 22 April, a meeting was held at HTA, with the representatives of the various services, ostensibly for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of paragraph 3b of reference a. In effect, however, this was not accomplished as the representation turned out to be chiefs, not indians. Also, the Army requested a delay to permit clearances for their two working personnel. They have since been cleared, but [REDACTED] when queried, says there is nothing else to do, because AF has already done all that is necessary. A copy of the HTA coverage list was sent directly to [REDACTED] on 9 June 1958.

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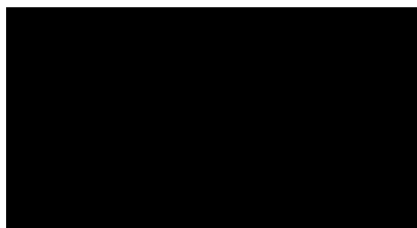
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4. In answer to paragraph 3e of reference a, it seems that even though HTA has not completed all requirements, there apparently is nothing else to do at present.

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5. In all fairness to Mr. Reber, et al., it seems that [REDACTED] have slightly overstated the case when they stated that Mr. Reber's requirement has been met.

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